

**Mar 10, 2023**

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

FAROOQ S. YASEEN (19),

Defendant.

No. 4:21-CR-06042-MKD-19

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER**

The Court enters the following Case Management Order, which sets forth the hearings and requirements the parties are to observe in this matter. To the extent this Order conflicts with any previously-entered Orders in this matter, this Order shall govern. All counsel are expected to carefully read and abide by this Order. The Court will grant relief from the requirements in this Order only upon motion and good cause shown.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

- 1. Local Criminal Rules.** Counsel shall comply with the Eastern District of Washington Local Criminal Rules of Procedure (LCrR), except

1 where specifically modified below or by subsequent Order.

2 **2. Emailing the Court.** Where this Order requires counsel to email  
3 documents to the Court, all documents shall be attached to the email in  
4 Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx) or rich-text (.rtf) format. The subject line of  
5 each email shall be formatted as follows:

6 **[Case No.]; [Case Name]; [Title of Document]**

7 (e.g.: 13-cr-9999-MKD; USA v. Doe; Trial Brief)

8 **3. Discovery**

9 **A.** All discovery documents must be Bates-stamped with a unique  
10 identifier and must be produced digitally in a text-searchable  
11 format. The Court will grant relief from this requirement only  
12 in exceptional circumstances, upon motion and good cause  
13 shown.

14 **B.** Production of discovery shall be governed by Local Criminal  
15 Rule 16. *See* LCrR 16.

16 **C.** The Court presumes a request for discovery and disclosure  
17 under Federal Rules of Evidence 404(b), 608(b), and 609,  
18 *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), *Giglio v. United States*,  
19 405 U.S. 150 (1972), *United States v. Henthorn*, 931 F.2d 29  
20 (9th Cir. 1991), and their progeny, and as such these items are

ordered disclosed by the deadline set forth in Local Criminal Rule 16.

**D.** At arraignment or within 14 days thereafter, the United States is required to disclose evidence relating to Defendant's guilt or punishment that might reasonably be considered favorable to the Defendant. *See* LCrR 16(a)(6); *see also Brady*, 373 U.S. 83; *United States v. Agurs*, 427 U.S. 97 (1976); Fed. R. Crim. P. 5(f).<sup>1</sup> This is a continuing duty for newly discovered evidence. LCrR 16(c); *see also* ECF No. 763.

**E.** Pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16(d)(2), failure to comply may result in an order permitting the discovery or inspection; granting a continuance; or any other order that is just under the circumstances (including contempt, sanctions, referral to a disciplinary authority, dismissal of charges, exclusion of evidence or witnesses, and adverse jury instructions).

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<sup>1</sup> Nothing in this requirement enlarges or diminishes the United States' obligation to disclose information and evidence to the Defendant under *Brady* and its progeny.

1           **4.     Expert-Witness Summaries**

2           **A.**     When each party produces to opposing counsel summaries of  
3                     its expert-witness testimony for which disclosure is required  
4                     under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16 and Local  
5                     Criminal Rule 16, counsel shall also email an electronic copy of  
6                     the summary to the Court at [DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov](mailto:DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov).

7           **B.**     All summaries of expert witness testimony must conform to  
8                     Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16, Local Criminal Rule  
9                     16, and applicable case law interpreting those Rules. The Court  
10                    will not permit an expert witness to testify about opinions  
11                    which are not explicitly expressed in that expert's summary.  
12                    *See, e.g., United States v. W.R. Grace*, 526 F.3d 499 (9th Cir.  
13                    2008).

14          **5.     CM/ECF Technical Assistance.** Parties requiring technical  
15                    assistance concerning the CM/ECF system, such as the procedures for filing  
16                    non-scannable exhibits, shall consult the District's "Electronic How To"  
17                    page (<https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/electronic-how>) or contact the  
18                    CM/ECF Help Desk by phone at (866) 236-5100 or (509) 458-3410 or by  
19                    email at [ecfinfo@waed.uscourts.gov](mailto:ecfinfo@waed.uscourts.gov). Inquiries requesting technical  
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1 assistance concerning the CM/ECF system shall not be directed to the  
2 Judge's chambers.

3 **6. Motions Practice**

4 **A. *Generally.*** All motions shall either be: a) noted for hearing  
5 without oral argument fourteen (14) days after filing, or b)  
6 noted for hearing with oral argument at the pretrial conference  
7 pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 12(c). Responses and replies  
8 to motions must be filed in accordance with Local Criminal  
9 Rule 45 and 47, which incorporate the requirements of Local  
10 Civil Rule 7.1.

11 **B. *Expedited Hearing.*** Any party seeking an expedited hearing  
12 on a time-sensitive matter must comply with Local Criminal  
13 Rule 12(c)(3).

14 **C.** If a case has more than one defendant, the Court will construe  
15 any motion, including motions to continue, as applying to *all*  
16 defendants, unless that defendant indicates they do not wish to  
17 be joined in the motion. **Defendants thus do not need to file**  
18 **motions to join. Any Defendant wishing to opt-out of a**  
19 **motion shall file a notice so stating within seven days of the**  
20 **filing of the motion.**

1           **D.    *Sealed Documents.*** Any and all sealed documents shall be  
2           filed by the parties under the sealed event as a sealed document.  
3           The parties are not required to file a separate motion to seal a  
4           document. The parties shall file any objections to a sealed  
5           document by no later than five days after the filing of the sealed  
6           document. The Court will thereafter review the sealed  
7           document and any objections filed to determine whether the  
8           document should be unsealed. Any party filing a sealed  
9           document shall email [DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov](mailto:DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov) to  
10          inform the Court of the filing. The email shall note the ECF  
11          number of the sealed document and the general nature of the  
12          document.

13       **7.    Witness Testimony.** At any hearing, including trial, in which witness  
14       testimony is given, the witness must testify in Court. Absent exceptional  
15       circumstances, a testifying witness may not appear by telephone or video  
16       conference.

17       **8.    Trial Continuances**

18           **A.    *Motion Deadline.*** All motions to continue the trial must be  
19           heard before or at the pretrial conference. **Any motion to**  
20           **continue trial made after the pretrial conference has**

occurred will not be granted absent exceptional  
circumstances.

**B. *Statement of Reasons.*** If the Defendant seeks a continuance, a Speedy Trial Waiver and Statement of Reasons in support of the motion to continue must be filed contemporaneously with the motion.<sup>2</sup> The Statement of Reasons must 1) be signed by the Defendant, 2) be signed by a certified translator, if applicable, and 3) indicate the latest date upon which Defendant is willing to proceed to trial. **The Court requests that the Speedy Trial Waiver and Statement of Reasons extend two weeks past the new proposed trial date.**

**C. *Procedure.*** Before filing a motion to continue, counsel shall first contact the Courtroom Deputy at (509) 943-8172 to obtain new pretrial conference and trial dates consistent with the

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<sup>2</sup> The Court's Speedy Trial Waiver and Statement of Reasons form can be found at the following link:

<https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/forms/Speedy%20Trial%20Waiver%205-13-22.docx>

length of the requested trial continuance. Thereafter, counsel shall confer with opposing counsel regarding case management deadlines<sup>3</sup> consistent with the new pretrial conference and trial date. **All motions to continue must include proposed case management deadlines (either joint or individual) to ensure the to-be-imposed deadlines are best suited to this case.**

## **9. Pretrial Conference**

**A.** The Pretrial Conference is scheduled as indicated in the Summary of Deadlines below. At this hearing, the Court will hear **ALL** pretrial motions that are noted for oral argument.

**B.** All pretrial conferences are scheduled to last no more than **thirty (30) minutes**, with each side allotted **fifteen (15) minutes** to present their own motions and resist motions by opposing counsel. If any party anticipates requiring longer than

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<sup>3</sup> A form with the Court's standard case management deadlines can be found at the following link:

<https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/forms/Proposed%20Case%20Management%20Deadlines%20Form%20for%20Public%20Website.6.1.2022.pdf>



1 fifteen minutes, that party must notify the Courtroom Deputy at  
2 least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. **Any party who fails**  
3 **to provide this notice will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes.**

4 C. If a motion is to be heard with oral argument, and a party plans  
5 to call witnesses or present exhibits, that party must file an  
6 exhibit and/or witness list by no later than **72 hours** before the  
7 hearing on the motion.

8 D. If a party intends to use a laptop, thumb drive, or DVD or CD  
9 for presentation of documents, or audio or video recordings,  
10 that party must contact the Courtroom Deputy at least **one week**  
11 prior to the hearing and confirm the compatibility of the  
12 technology and equipment.

13 E. If a party intends to use a demonstrative exhibit, such as a  
14 PowerPoint presentation, it must be submitted to the Court and  
15 all opposing parties at least **24 hours** prior to its intended use.

16 **10. Exhibit Lists**

17 A. On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines, after  
18 conferring with counsel, each party shall file a list of exhibits  
19 the party intends to introduce at trial. Each party shall also  
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email copies of their exhibit list to the Court at

[DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov](mailto:DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov).

The parties shall provide their exhibit list in the following format:

Ex. #	Admitted	Description
1		Photograph of items seized
2		Aerial video surveillance from 1/1/2011.  Start Time: 01:03:23  End Time: 01:09:54

Exhibit lists shall include a unique exhibit number and a brief description of the exhibit. For all exhibits consisting of an audio or video file, the exhibit list must designate the precise beginning and ending time indexes of the portion of the file the party intends to use at trial.

**B.** The United States shall consecutively number their exhibits from **1 to 999**. In single-defendant cases, Defendant shall consecutively number exhibits from **1000 to 1999**; in multi-defendant cases, Defendants shall consecutively number exhibits from x000 to x999, substituting “x” for each Defendant’s assigned case identifier (e.g. Defendant 3 would

number exhibits from 3000 to 3999, etc.). Exhibits shall be pre-marked for identification before trial commences.

**11. Witness Lists.** On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines, after conferring with counsel, each party shall file and serve a list of witnesses that party intends to call to testify at trial. **The witness list must identify the existence, but need not include the name, of any confidential informant (CI) the United States intends to call to testify.** Parties shall email copies of their witness list to the Court at [DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov](mailto:DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov).

**12. Trial Briefs, Proposed Jury Instructions and Verdict Form, and Requested Voir Dire.** On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines, after conferring with counsel, each party shall file a trial brief, proposed jury instructions and verdict form, and requested voir dire, in accordance with the requirements below. Each party shall email copies to the Court at [DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov](mailto:DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov).

**A. Trial Briefs.** Trial briefs shall not exceed twenty (20) pages without prior Court approval, upon motion and good cause shown.

**B. Proposed Jury Instructions and Verdict Form.** Jury instructions shall 1) address issues that are unique to the case,

1 and 2) include instructions regarding the elements of each  
2 charge or defense. If a Ninth Circuit Model Jury Instruction  
3 exists for a particular charge or defense, the parties shall  
4 provide the model instruction or shall submit argument as to  
5 why the instruction is inadequate or no longer supported by  
6 law. Proposed jury instructions shall be accompanied by a  
7 proposed verdict form. **The parties must confer to develop**  
8 **joint proposed jury instructions and the verdict form.** The  
9 Court will only accept an individual party's proposed jury  
10 instructions on those points/issues upon which the parties could  
11 not agree, and only if the party's memoranda accompanying the  
12 individually-proposed instruction(s) sets forth the legal  
13 authority and justification for why the instruction is necessary.

14 **C. Requested Voir Dire.** The parties may request that the Court  
15 include specific questions during the Court's standard voir dire.  
16 Requested voir dire shall not duplicate information elicited in  
17 the Clerk's Office Jury Questionnaire ("COJQ") and the  
18 Court's Criminal Jury Trial Procedures Letter.

19 **13. Exhibit Binders.** On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines,  
20 after conferring with counsel at the pretrial conference, each party must

1 provide to all other parties and to the Court a Bates-stamped copy of all trial  
2 exhibits — or, in the case of physical exhibits, a photograph or other  
3 reproduction of the exhibit — the party intends to introduce at trial. All trial  
4 exhibits shall be organized sequentially by exhibit number in a three-ring  
5 binder.

6 **14. JERS.**

7 **A.** The Court utilizes the Jury Evidence Recording System (JERS),  
8 a system that makes electronic evidence available in the jury  
9 room during deliberations. **Counsel shall promptly consult**  
10 **the Court’s “JERS Instructions for Attorneys”<sup>4</sup> to ensure**  
11 **they acquire, retain, and provide evidence to the Court in**  
12 **the necessary format.**

13 **B.** On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines, after  
14 conferring with counsel, each party who intends to introduce  
15 evidence at trial must supply a CD, DVD, or USB drive to the  
16 Courtroom Deputy containing all of that party’s exhibits in the  
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18 <sup>4</sup> This document can be found on the Court’s public website at the following link:  
19 [https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/support/jers\\_basics\\_for\\_lawyers.](https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/support/jers_basics_for_lawyers.pdf)  
20 [pdf](https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/support/jers_basics_for_lawyers.pdf)

required format. Counsel may contact the Courtroom Deputy at (509) 943-8172 with any questions.

**15. Trial Notices.** On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines, after conferring with counsel, each party shall file a notice that indicates the amount of time requested for opening statement and for voir dire. In addition, defense counsel must indicate if his/her client waives presence at sidebar and jury questions.

**16. Technology Readiness Meeting.** On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines, any party seeking to offer video or audio evidence at trial must meet with Court staff at the location of the trial to verify compatibility with the Court's presentation systems. The parties shall contact the Courtroom Deputy at (509) 943-8172 to arrange this meeting.

**17. Trial.** The jury trial is **SET for August 7, 2023, at 9:00 AM** in **Richland, Washington**. The **final pretrial conference** will commence at **8:30 AM** on the first day of trial.

**18. Summary of Deadlines**

All pretrial motions, including discovery motions, <i>Daubert</i> motions, and motions <i>in limine</i> , filed	June 8, 2023
<b>PRETRIAL CONFERENCE</b> <i>Deadline for motions to continue trial</i>	<b>July 20, 2023</b> <b>1:30 p.m. - RICHLAND</b>
CIs' identities and willingness to be interviewed disclosed to Defendant (if applicable)	<b>July 24, 2023</b>

Grand jury transcripts produced to Defendant Case Agent: CIs: Other Witnesses:	<b>July 24, 2023</b>
Exhibit lists filed and emailed to the Court	<b>July 31, 2023</b>
Witness lists filed and emailed to the Court	<b>July 31, 2023</b>
Trial briefs, jury instructions, verdict forms, and requested voir dire filed and emailed to the Court	<b>July 24, 2023</b>
Exhibit binders delivered to all parties and to the Court	<b>July 31, 2023</b>
Delivery of JERS-compatible digital evidence files to the Courtroom Deputy	<b>July 31, 2023</b>
Trial notices filed with the Court	<b>July 31, 2023</b>
Technology readiness meeting (in-person)	<b>July 31, 2023</b>
<b>FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE</b>	<b>August 7, 2023 8:30 a.m. - RICHLAND</b>
<b>JURY TRIAL</b>	<b>August 7, 2023 9:00 a.m. - RICHLAND</b>

**19.** Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(6), a reasonable period of delay is excluded in computing the time within which trial must commence “when the defendant is joined for trial with a codefendant as to whom the time for trial has not run and no motion for severance has been granted.” Defendant Farooq S. Yaseen (19) is joined for trial with the remainder of the Defendants in this criminal case, for whom trial has been set for August 7, 2023. ECF No. 686. No motion for severance has been filed by Defendant Farooq S. Yaseen (19).

**20.** Moreover, this matter was deemed complex pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(ii). ECF No. 249.

1       **21.** With respect to Defendant **Farooq S. Yaseen (19)**, the Court finds  
2       that the period from arraignment until the trial date of August 7, 2023,  
3       constitutes a reasonable period of delay. Accordingly, all time from  
4       arraignment to the trial date of **August 7, 2023** is **EXCLUDED** for speedy  
5       trial calculations pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(6), (h)(7)(B)(ii).

6       **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The Clerk's Office is directed to enter this Order  
7       and provide copies to all counsel, the U.S. Probation Office, and the U.S. Marshals  
8       Service.

9       **DATED** March 10, 2023.

10                               *s/Mary K. Dimke*  
11                               MARY K. DIMKE  
12                               UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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